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TEN BILLION DOLLARS

To most of us, saying ten billion dollars does not mean much because our experiences do not enable us to grasp what it signifies. We must get it translated into terms of usefulness, before we comprehend the greatness of the sum.

A number of newspapers have been calling attention, recently, to some of the uses the United States could make of the \$10,-000,000,000 this country has loaned to European nations and which, evidently, we hope to have repaid. A number of those who have commented on this subject have pointed out that at an average cost of \$24,000 a mile, the ten billion dollars would construct 400,000 miles of hard surfaced highway-enough to give the United States the best highways in the world. Suggestions along this line are evidently made, not with the view of advising what should be done with the money but what might be done with it-the purpose being to illustrate in a concrete way what ten billion dollars means.

There are other good and useful things the United States can and will do with that ten billion when we get it back. In the first place, the United States owes some \$24,000,000,000 on which it is paying interest. The interest charge goes far to swell the taxes the American people are called upon to pay each year. A considerable part of that ten billions could be applied to the liquidation of the debts owed by the United States, thus stopping the interest charge.

Morever, if a considerable part of that ten billions were applied to the payment of outstanding Liberty Bond, those bonds, which are now worth about 85 cents on the dollar, would advance in market value and perhaps reach par. People who loaned their money to the government on the assurance that the loan would be a safe investment, but who have witnessed a 15 per cent decline in the value of their security, will scarcely favor a cancelation of the \$10,000,000,000 debt when it could be applied to the payment of the obligations the government owes them,

Cancellation of the \$10,000,000,000 debt would be a relief to the people of European nations to that extent, but it would be ation to as great an extent as pos- Through town and countryside, Buffalo, where he has been taking in effect an additional burden upon the American people to a similar extent. Cancellation of the debt would postpone the time when the United States will be able to pay its own bonds, would extend the period during which American taxpayers must raise money to pay interest, and would delay the time when Liberty money to pay interest, and would delay the time when Liberty money to pay interest, and would delay the time when Liberty money to pay interest, and would delay the time when Liberty money to pay interest, and would delay the time when Liberty money to pay interest, and would delay the time when Liberty money to pay interest, and would delay the time when Liberty money to pay interest. ds will be restored to par.

As remarked before, if we do not use that ten billion dollars to \$2.50 per head, and on corn of 30 grieve. Badly thy top is torn, money to pay interest, and would delay the time when Liberty bonds will be restored to par.

to build roads, we can find other good and useful purposes to which it can be applied. It can be used for the development and will greatly reduce our own taxation which is plenty high enough the new administration comes into the new administration comes into the new administration comes into power, a few weeks hence, a tariff while good folks choke and where

IMAGINATION

Imagination is a wonderful function of the human mind and has probably been one of the chief agencies in human development and progress. The prsence of imagination insures an active mind and seeing eyes, while its absence almost invariably indicates dullness of mind and no vision beyond the mere wants of today.

Columbus imagined that the world was round and endured much to prove his imagination, but the result was the discovery. that the war is still on and must go fore. Yet if I had the mon, so help in St. Louis. of America

Cyrus W. Field imagined that the old and new world could is ratified. He previously vetoed a be connected by means of a telegraph wire and was laughed at resolution ending the technical war municipal technical war manufactured to the connected by means of a telegraph wire and was laughed at resolution ending the technical war for his foolish idea, but because of his vision, messages were soon with the long since defunct German going under the seas, and time had been eliminated in the sending of messages across the sea.

Marconi imagined that he could send messages without the pressed him with the conviction that use of a wire. People thought him crazy, but his imagination revolutionized the manner of sending messages and made the world so small a place that we hear from the remotest corners

y day.

Edison imagined that he could reproduce the human voice in was utilized by the Attorney Gen. The girls have started basket ball the phonograph and was the subject for many a joke about his eral to attact labor with the injunc- practice. They give promise of havtalking machine, but all the world now listens to the songs from every land, because of his imagination.

We listen to the voice of our friends a thousand miles away, the enemy act was also included in The ninth grade has finished its because Graham Bell imagined the telephone and we turn dark- the repealing measure. England has report on Life in the age of Pericles. stand of woolen colors. The prizes ness into day by means of the electric light which is the direct result of the imagination of men of faith who visualized what others never even saw in dreams,

Jesse James imagined that he could get great riches by holding up trains, robbing people and taking things by force that dent could carry out his threat to so and E ther Thomas visited the

The late Kaiser Wilhelm imagined that he could be master the treaty as to make the Senate acof the world and take what he pleased by force of arms, and consequently brought on the blackest war that the world has ever

Imagination rightly used is a great blessing to mankind, but wrongly used it is a source of untold evil. We have no more im- a candidate in the last election. "To portant work as parents and teachers than to see that the imagin- me it has always been a monstrous ELM HALL ation of our children is directed along useful, wholesome lines, and thing that two years after the men not allowed to wander in the paths that lead to crime and destruction.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Governor Groesbeck sounded a new note in his first message things which are associated and affilto the Michigan legislature. Even the people who may disagree inted with war, we are still at war. the winter. with him are compelled to admire his straight forward, business Everybody knows that immediately like way of stating his views of the situation in the state. When on the signing of the armistice the school at Mr. Pleasant. the governor says that state expenses have been too high, and Central Powers were rendered imintimates that money has been wasted and is still being wasted potent and unable to proceed further Arbor on account of the serious illby mismanagement, and the over-lapping in the duties of too with aemed force and everybody hoped ness of his brother, James. many commissions, boards, and bureaus, his statement meets pecially—that these laws, some of superintendent of the M. E. S. S. mining the results of the membership

There is no reason at all why public business should not be laws. conducted along careful conservative lines, in the same way as would be repealed." the best managed private business, and the only reason wastefulness goes on from year to year is the fact that the expense can be met by passing the buck on to the people in the way of taxa- Auxiliary of the American Legion. tion. The people kick individually, but do nothing constructive to bring about a remedy.

Everyone knows that as the state grows and develops, the expense of government will necessarily increase, but that does not excuse needless expenditure and in no wise justifies our going on without a business system in the management of the cause. state financial affairs. When Governor Groesbeck asks that we get right down to a business system in conducting state affairs Ball, were named as representatives he is voicing a sentiment that meet with universal approval, re- to the state caucus to be held at gardless of political affiliation. The thing we need most in our Grand Rapids January 25 and 26. state is a simplified business system that will spend money in- will have charge of the next regular telligently and economically, seeing that we get value received for every dollar's worth of tax paid.

In another part of this paper will be found a digram show- present. ing our present antiquated, complicated, ineffective system, m Study it for yourself and it seems we must all heartily commend Governor Groesbeck for recommending and insisting upon a pound. DeLuxe Candy Co.-adv. change. Michigan is to be congratulated upon having a governor with gumption enough to insist that something really effective. Watch for "The Man from Home." be done.

ten dollars should be given to this Mrs. Kanter, president, and Mrs.

meeting to be held January 25. eligible ladies are requested to be Meeting starts at 7:36 p.

Fresh salted peanuts, 19c per

NEW AMERICAN WAY iff law, which will be enacted at a poverty-of thee I chant, I blew a

decided to relieve the industrial situ- can't.

cents per bushel. Meantime, the frayed are thy seats and worn; the tended the Ways and Means Committee will hold whooping cough affects thy horn, I Shepherd. hearings and it is likely that when do believe.

bill will be nearly ready, so that as we pass by. I paid for thee a American industries may find pro- price, 'twould buy a mansion twice, what is anticipated as the greatest wonder why?

And not to be reckoned as least in spark plug has the pip and wee is day, the accomplishments of the first of thine. I, too have suffered chills the reassembling of Congress is the ague and kindred ills, endeavoring to Ford. repeal by the House of all of the war pay my bills since thou wert mine. Gone is my bank roll now; no more laws which have disturbed the coun-The President has contended 'twould choke the cow, as once be-

WHEELER SCHOOL NOTES thought that perhaps the recent ver-

Mr. Salsberry found it necessary it might have misrepresented their to excuse the pupils Friday because sentiments. Consequently, they de he was ill.

laws, including the espionage act and play basket ball with the Hemlock

tion provision permitted by that law ing a good team. but previously denied by the Clayton The tenth grade has finished its

anti-trust act. The trading-with- report on the Crusades. The seventh grade wrote a test

with Germany and Russia for more in history Monday. than a year, but the United States The fifth grade is having a short has been forced to wait under the review in long division restraint of this act until the Presi- Verna Hammond, Marguritte Lyon

incorporate the league covenant in school Friday afternoon Lee Allen, Gerold Boyde, Thelma

"Practically everyone wants war received three months attendance egislation repealed," said Represent- certificate's. tive Gard, of Ohio, a Democrat, who The third grade is memorizing the forsaw the storm and did not become poem "Hiawatha's Hunting."

battle, two years after they had established for all time our principles Will Davis

Mrs. J. Sahin is working at Robinson's in Alma during the sale. H. Connor has gone to Detroit for

Chas. Elliott was called to Ann

Mrs. Anna Elliott has been elected relative to war conditions, his niece, Mrs. A. LaVoy. Mrs. Sarah Davis has gone

> cases have developed. Beginning Jan. 16 there will be

service held at M. E. church. Rev. During the meeting the question Ralph Dean in charge.

Carson City for the winter.

SETHTON

Eimer Jason and daughter, Ruby, visited relatives at DeWitt Monday. Mrs. Charity Jason returned home

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Morse are spending a few weeks at Albion, visiting relatives and friends.

The children at Wm. Gagers are having chicken pox. Little Anlien Segar has just recovered from them. H. A. Gardner is visiting in St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Noll spent several days last week in Detroit on

Mrs. Hattie Hyatt is nursing at My auto tis of thee, short cut to the McCuaig home near Carson City. Mrs. Verne Gardner spent Saturspecial session to be called soon after pile of dough on you two years ago. day in Alma visiting her aunt, Mrs. March 4, the Republican leaders have now you refuse to go or won't or Alice Parker.

Melvin North has returned from

SCATTERED EXECUTIVE POWER MICHIGAN STATE GOVERNMENT

Alfa Ingram and V. Dickinson attended the Milliken sale Friday, near

Ed Freed finished moving on his brother's farm Wednesday.

Lorraine Carrol of Durand is visiting his father, W. Carrol. Mrs. James Schoffer called on Mrs.

tection and the way be opened for now everybody's yelling "ice"—I Lee Loomis Thursday afternoon.
what is anticipated as the greatest wonder why?
Thy motor has the grippe, thy for R. Morse and O. Guthries Tues-

Donald Tynan has purchased

Arlie Ingram and George Mulvey were in Alma Saturday. Mrs. Manley Evans spent Friday

on until the treaty containing the un-amended league of nations covenant and speed some more. Will Myers and brother. Ted,

NEW HAMPSHIRE IS WINNER

Granite State Recipient of First Prize in Membership "Push South Dakota Second.

New Hampshire won the American cided to sweep away all of the war The Wheeler boys are going to Legion's nation-wide membership "push," May 17 to 22, it was announced at Legion national headquarters recently, and will receive the stand of silk colors offered as first prize to the state enrolling the largest percentage of eligible ex-service persons prior to the close of business on June 15.

South Dakota wins second prize, a will be presented by the national commander, Franklin D'Offer, at the national convention of the Legion in Cleveland next September.

Other states finished in the race, in order, as follows: North Dakota, Nebraska, Vermont, California, Kansas, Oregon, Iowa, Washington, Wyoming. Clapp, Milton Hackett, Hazel Boyde Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Nevada, Minnesota, Illinois, Idaho, Arizona, Ohio, District of Columbia, Michigan, Utah, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, New York, West Virginia, Connecticut, Delaware, Texas, Missouri, Florida, Montana, Arkansas, Maryland, Vir. ginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louislana, Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama.

The Legion now has 0.452 posts in all parts of the United States and in several foreign countries, and 1,027 women's auxiliary units. The total Miss Jessie Maxilan is attending enrollment since the organization was first established, 15 months ago, is more than 2,000,000, though national dues for all these members for the year 1920 have not yet been received them necessarily drastle, but war J. Lott of Washington is visiting drive, only members for whom national dues up to and including December 31, 1920, had been received by the national transurer were counted. Since William Smith, ill with small pox, the drive closed, on June 15, more Several ladies of the Women's is very much improved. No new than 22,000 names of new members have come in

> What Size Do you Take? Few people understand the meanings of the numbers and sizes on articles of clothing, says London An-

> In hats and caps the size is one-half the sum total of the long and short dismeters of the head. In other words, if your head measures 13% inches,

> your size in bats is 6%. The size in gloves indicates the number of inches round the knuckles

when the hand is closed. The length in inches of your foot is the "number" you take in socks. In women's hose the length of the leg ts usually three times the length of the

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